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FORGING A PATH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

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Celebrating global solidarity and intersectionality in the wake of mass protests, police brutality and systemic racism

Join us for an evening celebrating our community and commitment to racial and economic justice as we honor trailblazing women who have advanced human rights and paved the way for the next generation

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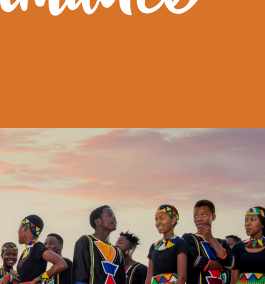
Special Guests



Danny Glover
Actor, Producer, Humanitarian



Dr. John Kani
Actor, Playwright, Cultural Activist



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Freedom Fighter, Writer, Justice of the South African Constitutional Court

Keynote Address



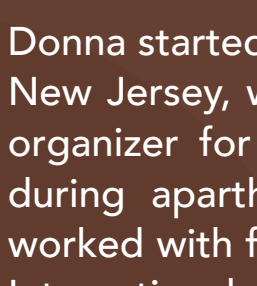
The Most Reverend Dr. Thabo Makgoba
Anglican Archbishop of Southern Africa

Performance



Ndlovu Youth Choir
An African Music and Dance Spectacular

Honorees



Donna Katzin
Founder and Former Executive Director, Shared Interest
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A visionary leader, anti-apartheid activist, founder and former Executive Director of Shared Interest, Donna pioneered the community and social impact investment movement. With a lifelong commitment to advancing human rights and creating economic opportunities for communities of color, Donna has impacted more than three million Southern Africans. Through her exceptional leadership, she has successfully built a vehicle for U.S. investors to forge international relationships with Southern Africa's economically excluded entrepreneurs, farmers, homeowners, and especially women.

Donna started her career mobilizing campuses, congregations and communities in New Jersey, where she created the Human Rights Department and served as an organizer for District 65 UAW, engaging companies that were doing business during apartheid. As a leader in the anti-apartheid movement, Donna later worked with faith-based institutional investors as the Director of South Africa and International Justice Programs at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility using their power as shareholders to move international investors from disinvestment to reinvestment. She has written extensively about South Africa, community development and impact investing, and is the author of *With these Hands*, a book of poetry about the "new" South Africa giving birth to itself. Donna co-leads Tipitapa Partners, a US non-profit that works with marginalized women and youth in Nicaragua to sustain their communities and uphold their rights.

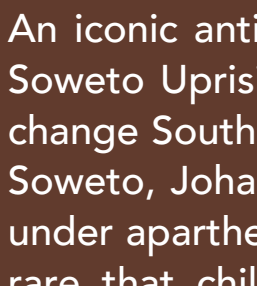


Bishop Joaquina Nhanala
Resident Bishop of Mozambique Episcopal Area, The United Methodist Women
JUSTICE LEADERSHIP AWARD

A true trailblazer and a motivator for social change, Bishop Joaquina Filipe Nhanala is Africa's first female bishop. Through her inspirational leadership as a clergy member under The United Methodist Church, she promotes justice, leadership and opportunities for women while championing better access to healthcare in the region.

Growing up one of eight children in a Maputo slum, Bishop Nhanala remembers her childhood home as lively and filled with extended family, and recalls how although they did not have much, her parents always found a way to put food on the table. Some years later, she would receive a scholarship to study theology abroad in Liberia, Ghana and Kenya at the United Methodist Women and obtain a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Biblical Studies and Theology. After returning to Mozambique, she was allocated a parish and appointed the coordinator of projects for the United Methodist Women in Mozambique, where she managed and led women's projects. While fulfilling her duties as pastor, Bishop Nhanala accepted a position as Mozambique's HIV/AIDS Project Director for World Relief international, mobilizing churches for education and advocacy in Mozambique's three southern provinces.

Bishop Nhanala is now the Resident Bishop of the Mozambique Area (Mozambique North and Mozambique South) and South Africa Provisional Conferences in the Africa Central Conference of The United Methodist Church. She works diligently to serve communities' most vulnerable members, building orphanages and schools to educate children in remote areas, assisting elderly women accused of witchcraft that are rejected by their families, and facilitating the construction of safe water wells.



Antoinette Sithole
Iconic Anti-Apartheid Activist, Historian and 1976 Soweto Uprising Witness
THE JENNIFER DAVIS SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AWARD

An iconic anti-apartheid activist and true heroine who bore witness to the 1976 Soweto Uprising, Antoinette Sithole made an impact at a young age that would change South African history and how it would be told for years to come. Born in Soweto, Johannesburg, in 1959, Antoinette grew up in a racially divided country under apartheid. Living in a community where everyone looked like herself, it was rare that children faced the harsh realities of living in a segregated country. However, that changed when the South African government declared that all students had to be taught in Afrikaans, the language of South Africa's white Dutch settlers. On June 16, 1976, Antoinette and about 20,000 Black Sowetan schoolchildren mobilized a peaceful protest against the apartheid regime's education policies. They were met with fierce police brutality, and many were shot and killed. Among them was Antoinette's brother, Hector Pieterse. He was just 12 years old.

After the Soweto Uprising, Antoinette became an actress in her township and enrolled in computer technology, public speaking, and heritage management courses. At 22, she worked at Grolier Enterprises as a clerk for eight years and then became a site guide for tourists, prominent leaders, and presidents at the Hector Pieterse Museum and Memorial, where she still gives tours today. Antoinette has been invited to different countries to share her story, including to Germany for the renaming of a school after her late brother, the Netherlands Women's Conference in 1999, and the Sweden Children's Rights Organization from 2000 to 2004. She has also traveled to Canada to celebrate Youth Day and has been invited to Appalachian State University to participate in storytelling dialogues. In her free time, she has traveled to different multiracial schools around Johannesburg to tell her story and continue the legacy of her brother, Hector. Antoinette has dedicated her life to advocating for justice while forging the path for human rights and devoting unwavering passion to memorializing the liberation struggle and the role of youth in South Africa.

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Shared Interest's work advances racial equity through the lens of economic justice: we use loan guarantees to help low-income Black borrowers obtain desperately needed financing from commercial lenders in Southern Africa. We help them access credit and technical assistance, enabling them to build sustainable livelihoods and create economic opportunities for communities of color across Southern Africa.

Since 1994, Shared Interest has placed \$30 million of guarantees, unlocking \$125 million in loans – benefitting 3 million economically marginalized Southern Africans. Additionally, the organization helped to create more than 180,000 new small and micro-enterprises, 1.9 million jobs, and 120,000 affordable homes and expanded its work to Eswatini, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.

Funds raised at the gala move Shared Interest's work forward in the region and strengthen our platform for the next generation.

The event is free with registration and suggested donation.
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